

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/13/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1- 9, 11-30, 32, 33, 35-39.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-9,11-30,32,33,25-39 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not anticipate individually nor teach in combination the following limitations:
 - Richter (3,253,137) although disclosing a light source contained within a globe, a clasp attached to the top portion of the globe for use in attaching the lighting device to a garland, Richter does not disclose a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to a male insert configured for insertion into one of the pre-existing sockets of the lighting string, the second end connected to a lighting assembly, a lighting assembly including a light for illuminating a decorative element and configured for association with an enclosure of the decorative element, a hollow enclosure including the decorative element contained therein and a neck adapted to receive the lighting assembly and a clip attached to the wire for receiving a light bulb removed from the one of the pre-existing sockets of the lighting string; and the combination of a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end connected to a male insert and a second end connected to a lighting assembly, the lighting assembly comprising a plurality of LEDs and a base for supporting the plurality of LEDs; a hollow enclosure including a decorative element contained therein and a neck having an opening for receiving the lighting assembly; a threaded gasket fittedly positioned around the neck; a collar having

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a hole through which the wire is inserted, the collar slidably positioned between the first end and the second end, the collar having an interior surface adapted to threadably receive the neck; and a clip removably attached to the wire, the clip including a circular void dimensioned to receive a light bulb from a lighting string; and the combination of a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to a male insert configured for insertion into one of the preexisting sockets of the lighting string and the second end connected to a lighting assembly, the male insert comprising a base and a husk, the husk including a pair of resilient tabs having a fixed end flexibly attached to and extending angularly from opposed sides of the husk in a coaxially aligned spaced apart relation, wherein each tab is adapted to deflect in a direction towards the opposed tab upon application of a biasing force and protrude in a direction away from the opposed tab upon removal of the biasing force and a hollow enclosure including a decorative element contained therein and a neck having an opening sized to receive the lighting assembly in a position to illuminate the decorative element.

- Brooks (2,559,706), although disclosing a decorative lighting fixture with lamps extending from and connected to a wire, and a clip extending from the bottom portion of the lamps attached to the wire, Brooks does not disclose a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to a male insert configured for insertion into one of the pre-existing sockets of the lighting string, the second end connected to a lighting

assembly, alighting assembly including a light for illuminating a decorative element and configured for association with an enclosure of the decorative element, a hollow enclosure including the decorative element contained therein and a neck adapted to receive the lighting assembly and a clip attached to the wire for receiving a light bulb removed from the one of the pre-existing sockets of the lighting string; and the combination of a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end connected to a male insert and a second end connected to alighting assembly, the lighting assembly comprising a plurality of LEDs and a base for supporting the plurality of LEDs; a hollow enclosure including a decorative element contained therein and a neck having an opening for receiving the lighting assembly; a threaded gasket fittedly positioned around the neck; a collar having a hole through which the wire is inserted, the collar slidably positioned between the first end and the second end, the collar having an interior surface adapted to threadably receive the neck; and a clip removably attached to the wire, the clip including a circular void dimensioned to receive a light bulb from a lighting string; and the combination of a wiring assembly including a length of wire having a first end and a second end, the first end connected to a male insert configured for insertion into one of the preexisting sockets of the lighting string and the second end connected to a lighting assembly, the male insert comprising a base and a husk, the husk including a pair of resilient tabs having a fixed end flexibly attached to and extending angularly from opposed sides of the husk in a coaxially aligned spaced apart relation, wherein each tab is adapted

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to deflect in a direction towards the opposed tab upon application of a biasing force and protrude in a direction away from the opposed tab upon removal of the biasing force and a hollow enclosure including a decorative element contained therein and a neck having an opening sized to receive the lighting assembly in a position to illuminate the decorative element.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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